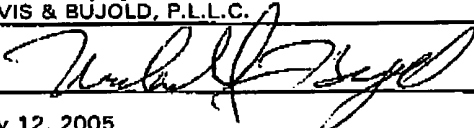
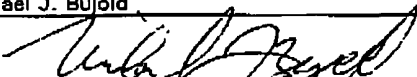


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the official action mailed January 31, 2005 and the supplemental action mailed May 4, 2005. In the first official action, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following alleged patentably distinct species of the invention:


- I. Species 1, Figs. 1, 2 and 3; or
- II. Species 2, Figs. 1, 3 and 4.

The Applicant elects to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Species 1, namely, Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings. The Applicant also elects new claims 12 to 15 and 17 to 21 which are readable on the elected species to be prosecuted on the merits.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. The Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

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